

Night 6

Hilights from Surah Al-Mai'dah

Al-Maidah, which means the table spread with food, is the 5th surah of the Qur'an. It was revealed in the Madani Period and it lays down laws for the young Muslim community and the Muslims who will come later. Believers must know these commandments of Allah (SWT) and obey them. Here they are in brief:

- Take care of your obligations; don't neglect them
- Help each other in good things but do not in bad things
- All things good and pure are lawful...All seafood is halal
- It is lawful to eat of the halal meat slaughtered by the People of the Book
- However, meat of dead animals or those slaughtered in the name of false gods, blood and pork are haram
- All your disputes must be resolved in according with Islamic laws
- It is lawful to marry women of the People of the Book on the condition they are of good character
- Do not declare things haram (illegal) which Allah has made halal (legal)
- Killing a human being unjustly is forbidden, and the punishment for doing so is death
- Alcohol and other intoxicants and gambling are haram
- Because death can strike anytime, Muslims should prepare their Last Will

In this surah, Christians are invited to the message of Muhammad (S) and are told that Jesus never said he was God; just the opposite, he said Worship Allaah, my Lord and yours. Jews are also invited to Islam and told that they would be guided back to the right path if they follow Muhammad (S).